REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant requests examination on the merits.

Applicant believes that the pending claim is in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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